

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims are set forth below and have been amended and/or cancelled, without prejudice, where noted:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A composition of matter comprising a homogenous blend of from 10-90 wt. % of a metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer and from 10-90 wt. % of a styrene-butadiene block copolymer having from 5-40 wt. % of 1,3-butadiene monomer units and from 60-95 wt. % styrene monomer units, wherein either the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer or the styrene-butadiene block copolymer are present in the composition in an amount of greater than 50 wt.%.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said composition contains at least 40 wt. % of said styrene-butadiene block copolymer.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 9 wherein said composition contains at least 40 wt. % of said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer is a copolymer of ethylene with a comonomer selected from the group consisting of propylene, 1-butene, 1-hexene, -1-octene and 4-methyl-1-pentene.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11 wherein said comonomer is 1-hexene.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said styrene-butadiene block copolymer comprises 1,3-butadiene monomer units in an amount within the range of 15-30 wt. % and styrene monomer units in an amount within the range of 70-85 wt. %.

14. (Previously Presented) A homogenous blend according to claim 13 wherein the styrene-butadiene block copolymers have a transmittance of 91% and a haze of 3% when both are measured according to ASTM D 1003.

15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer is produced by the polymerization of ethylene in the presence of a catalyst system comprising a bridged metallocene catalyst component.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 8 wherein said composition is formed in the configuration of a peelable film.

17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein the composition is adapted further comprising a container suitable for the packaging of a food product in combination with said film disposed on said container to provide a closure for said container.

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 wherein said film is sufficiently transparent to permit a viewing of a food product disposed within said container.

19. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 17 wherein said container is made of polystyrene and said peelable film which contains said styrene-butadiene block copolymer in an amount of at least 40 wt. %.

20. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19 wherein said film contains at least 50 wt.% of said styrene-butadiene block copolymer in an amount of at least 50 wt. % of said styrene-butadiene block copolymer.

21. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 wherein said container is formed of polypropylene.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 22 wherein said film contains said metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer in an amount of greater than 50 wt. %.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein the styrene-butadiene block copolymer has a transmittance of 91% and a haze of 3% when both are measured according to ASTM D 1003.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 24 wherein said styrene-butadiene copolymer has a haze of no more than 2% when measured according to ASTM D 1003.

26. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a peelable film comprising:

(a) preparing a homogeneous blend containing from 10-90 wt. % of a metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer and from 10-90 wt. % of a styrene-butadiene block copolymer having from 5-40 wt. % of 1,3-butadiene monomer units and from 60-95 wt. % styrene monomer units, wherein either the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer or the styrene-butadiene block copolymer are present in the blend in an amount of greater than 50 wt. %; and

(b) conforming said blend in the configuration of a peelable film.

27. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26 wherein said film is prepared by casting, blowing or extruding said homogenous blend in the form of a film.